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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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The Soviet Union
Military-Economic Report
(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

Civil Air Fleet

(1) The Seventh Flight Regiment was named in a message to Moscow from Kazan(?). One of its planes arrived in Kazan (? uncertain call sign).

Note: A Seventh Independent Flight Regiment was mentioned for the first time in the daily report of 18 February and in the H-Situation of 18 February.

NKRF

(2) A 10-day course for engineers and technicians on the repair of iron ships with reinforced concrete must be carried out in Gorkij beginning 10 March.

(3) Recently, various messages appeared in NKRF communications, in which evacuated workers of the Stalingrad harbor were ordered back from the various localities without their families. This measure is explained by the fact that the NK for Transportation furnished no cars for the families. The families are to be transported by steamer at the beginning of the navigation period.

Personnel Situation

(4) In Gorkij short courses for engineers must be carried out at the Institute for Water Transport.

(5) The Upper Volga Steamship Agency receives 3 turners, 8 locksmiths, and 5 boiler smiths.

(6) From Gurev, Astrakhan will receive 10 boiler smiths for the Upper Volga Steamship Agency and 10 boiler smiths for the Middle Volga Steamship Agency, 17 locksmiths for the Directorate of the Moscow-Oka River Fleet, 10 boiler smiths and 2 turners for Rybinsk (?) and 3 turners for Plant "Teplokhod".

(7) The NKRF Directorate in Krasnoyarsk must make available 470 men for timber felling work, 210 men for navigation, and 180 men for the Pridivinsk shipyard.

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Food and Feed

- (8) Tiflis procured 471 cases of eggs from 1 January to 1 March.
- (9) The brewery in Erivan has no hops and as a consequence can brew no beer.
- (10) The NK for Trade reported that in January there were consumed 6420 tons of flour, 34 tons of groats, and 5... grain feed.
- (11) Wine Supply received permission to sell 100,000 liters of wine to the food wholesalers.
- (12) It is requested that immediate approval be given for expediting the dispatch of two carloads of wine to Kirgiz.
- (13) The cannery in Kutais manufactured 6.5 tons of concentrates on 5 March.
- (14) The Transcaucasus Bureau of Meat and Milk Sales received an order to deliver 45 tons of meat products in the first quarter to Nalchik.
- (15) Nalchik must receive 150 tons of salt from Baku. 120 tons are destined for rural areas and 30 tons for the city.
- (16) The Food Combine in Ordzhonikidze received instructions to ship 60 tons of biscuits in March.
- (17) The sugar factory in Dzhambul received the order to deliver 45 carloads of sugar to Georgia in March.
- (18) The tea factory in Orbiri shipped 11,327 tons of tea to Irkutsk.
- (19) Saratov requires 6 tons of concentrates for the maintenance of horses needed for the spring sowing.
- (20) Ust-Usa has the following economy plan: In all 50 hectares will be made available at spring sowing. In this number there will be:

for grains	25 hectares
" potatoes	15 "
" vegetables	7 "
" forage plants	3 "

In addition, 100 hotbeds will be cultivated. There are:

Horses	6
Cattle	20 including 5 cows
Swine	50 " 8 sows

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80 swine must be raised and 40 of these will be distributed among economic units.

(21) Irkutsk -- Angara Steamship Agency is to receive 30 kilograms of cucumbers and 3 kg. of tomato seeds from Balakovo.

Material Supply

(22) Gorkij received 6 tons of iron scrap. In addition Gorkij received 24 storage batteries which are to be forwarded to Kalach.

(23) The ship repair plant in Krasnoarmejsk is to receive:

Wire nails	1 ton
Tar	5 tcns
Misc. paints	1 ton
Oakum	1 carload

(24) The West Siberian Steamship Agency is to send 1,000 meters of 16 mm. steel rope to Irkutsk.

Fuel Supply

(25) The Tea Industry in Tiflis made the following account with the Chief Directorate for Tea in Moscow concerning fuel for January:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Consumed</u>	<u>Remainder</u>
Gasoline	10.3 tons	15.4 tons	7.7 tons
Petroleum	14.9 "	16.9 "	17.5 "
Oil (Naphtha)	16.7 "	17 "	8.7 "
Mazut	27.7 "	23.6 "	6.1 "
Oil	0.7 "	0.8 "	1.1 "
Ligroin	5.9 "	5.8 "	0.9 "

(26) It was reported to the NK for Construction Materials in Moscow that the limit for liquid fuels has not been received.

(27) The Raw Silk Directorate reports to the Chief Directorate for Raw Silk in Moscow that the local organs are not allotting any liquid fuel and requests for March an allotment of 3 tons of gasoline and 2 tons of petroleum.

(28) The Georgian Chief Directorate for Textile Supply demands from the Chief Directorate for Textile Supply in Moscow a monthly limit of 1 ton of gasoline for the transport of materials.

(29) The Georgian Chief Directorate for Shoes requires in Moscow the following fuel allocation:

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Gasoline	30 tons
Motor oil	10 "
Petroleum	2 "

(30) The Georgian State Planning Office refused the allotment for March.

(31) The Chief Directorate for Roads in Moscow received the report that the local organs are not delivering the March limit. The following deliveries are requested:

Gasoline	66 tons
Ligroin	15 "
Petroleum	50 "
Oil	10 "

(32) The Georgian Chief Directorate for the Technical Supply of the Oil Industry requests from the Chief Directorate for the Technical Supply of the Oil Industry in Moscow the distribution of the following amounts:

Machine Oil	1 ton
Avtol	0.03"

(33) The Tea Industry made the following account with the Chief Directorate for Tea in Moscow concerning firewood for January:

Received	165 cbm.
Consumed	673 "
Remainder	845 "

(34) The Directorate for Mine Timber in Moscow received the report that the following shipments of mine timber were carried out in February:

to the mine in Tkvarcheli	34 carloads
to the mine in Tkivbuli	30 "

In addition 250 cbm. were received on the spot for Tkivbuli. The Mine Construction Directorate received 200 cbm. on the spot. In addition for March there are scheduled:

for the mine in Tkvarcheli	40 carloads
for the mine in Tkivbuli	50 "
for the Mine Construction Directorate	6 "

(35) Krasnodar, Chief Directorate of the Azerbajdzhan Black Sea Fish Industry received an authorization of 3 tons of aviation gasoline for March.

(36) Grain Procurement in Krasnodar is to receive:

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for production purposes	Gasoline	1 ton
for transport of bread	"	27 tons
for production purposes	Petroleum	10 "
for transport of bread	"	20 "
In addition	Ligroin	1 ton
	Diesel oil	1 "

(37) The Chief Directorate for Oil Supply in Moscow granted to the NK for Procurement in Krasnodar the following March allocation:

Auto gasoline	29.1 tons
Petroleum	30.3 "
Ligroin	1 ton
Diesel oil	1 "
Motor oil	8 tons

The fuel will be distributed as follows:

for procurement of animal raw materials	Auto gasoline	1 ton
	Petroleum	0.2 "
for authorities of the NK for Procurement	Auto gasoline	0.1 "
	Petroleum	0.1 "
for grain preparation office including	Auto gasoline	28 tons
for transport of bread	" "	27 "
	Petroleum	30 "
including for transport of bread	"	20 "
in addition	Ligroin	1 ton
	Diesel oil	0.3(?) ton
	Motor oil	8 tons

(38) 200 tons of machine oil are to be shipped for Krasnodar from Makhach-Kala and Sochi.

(39) The Chief Directorate for Oil Supply in Moscow granted for Kabardino-Balkar the following March allocation:

Auto gasoline	21.1 tons
Petroleum	9.3 "
Motor oil	1 ton

The fuel will be distributed as follows:

Procurement office for animal	Auto gasoline	1 ton
raw materials	Petroleum	0.2 "
Authority of the NK for	Auto gasoline	0.1 "
Procurement	Petroleum	0.1 "
Grain Procurement Office	Auto gasoline	10 tons
including for transport	" "	9.5 "
of bread	Petroleum	9 "

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including for transport	Petroleum	7 tons
of bread		
In addition	Motor oil	1(?)"

(40) Tiflis reports to the NK for Construction Materials in Moscow that the limit of 300 tons of coal granted for March does not completely satisfy the needs. Raising the limit is requested.

(41) The Chief Directorate for the Canning Industry in Moscow submits the following accounting of coal for February:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Consumed</u>	<u>Remainder</u>
in Kutais	52 tons	388 tons	--
in Gori	151 "	157 "	45 tons
in Sugdidi	32 "	--	32 "

(42) The mine in Tkvibuli reports to the Planning Division of the NK for Coal in Moscow a requirement of 96,800 tons for the production plan of the second quarter and a daily production of 1100 tons.

(43) It is reported from Tiflis to the Chief Directorate for Coal in Moscow that the Mine Trust in Tkvibuli increased systematically and makes false reports concerning the stock of coal. A special investigation commission has been established.

Textile Supply

(44) Saratov received 250 pairs of felt shoes in the first quarter.

(45) Vladimirovka needs 100 pairs of boots for the people engaged in ice-breaking work.

Transport Situation

(46) The Georgian Procurement Office for Tobacco in Tiflis requests 400 cars for April.

(47) The Manganese Trust in Chiaturi requests for April:

for special freight	3 cars
for hay	15 "
for firewood	5 "

(48) Kirovakan reports to Moscow that the railroad refused to furnish cars for lime transport in March. It requests the immediate supply:

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for station Arrarat of 100 cars
" " Amamly " 150 "

Production Situation

(49) Kujbyshev lacks coke. The foundry is idle. A factory 78 was mentioned in a message.

(50) The ship repair yard of the Middle Volga Steamship Agency needs 3 kg. of drawing paper, 4 rolls of tracing paper, 4 rolls of millimeter paper, and 15 rolls of blueprint paper.

(51) For the manufacture of diving equipment 820 kg. of sheet copper and 350 kg. of sheet brass are lacking.

(52) The Institute for River Fleet Equipment in Zengilej is to send technical designs for ship-lifting apparatus to the factories "Butyakov" and "Molotov".

(53) Astrakhan is to deliver to Nizhnij Uslov one of the evacuated lathes.

(54) The factory in Krasnoarmejsk produced a motor of 25 hp. It lacks a generator. In addition a dynamo of 50-80 kw. is needed.

(55) In Molotov the work to protect the navigation before the ice break-up is behind. The ships are to be unloaded.